

## ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

## II Trovatore.

The weather, last night, was anti-operatic. It was pluvious. The rain fell sharply. When fallen, it was resolved into the charming compost which appears as a cross between ship-fallow and congealed blacking. Horses, going to the opera, slipped gracefully. A number were injured for life. Others only require extra-grooming to be as bad, or good, as new. Pedestrians lubricated their steps carefully, until they arrived at the home of several of the Muses—for the opera demands not simply music, but poetry, painting, and sometimes dancing on the stage. Country cousins saw something different in the appearance of the house from that of last year. Upon inquiry of the obliging ushers, they were informed that it was probably the removal of the caravans, and the substitution of more slender supports for the second tiers of boxes. The Emancipation policy has, accordingly, first been inaugurated at Irving place. It may now safely extend itself to less gifted localities.

The opera, last evening, was the *Trovatore*. It is a work with situations dramatically intense—only that they are caused by nothing. It has a wonderful plot, beyond human comprehension; though finally we learn that Signor Brignoli is made into soup in the last scene, by the order of his brother; and then the brother expresses his emotion and surprise, on learning of the transaction, as the curtain falls. We have many stupid plots in English: varying from weakness to the periphery of idiocy—but none innately idiotic, like the *Trovatore*.

As to the music—there are some charming, popular, ingenious, artistic, great, points: then there are others which are egregiously vulgar and rowdy. The Anvil Chorus, for example, is about equal to a scene of mending a sewer, set to music; or repairing a pair of cast-off leather breeches—and as fit for the apprehensions of any audience, above the level of hooligans and imbeciles.

But—place aux dames! Another American prima donna. We shall have to express our wonderment as Macbeth did at Banquo's regal line, if this linked sweetness long drawn-out of native canaries continues. But before we enter upon prima donna No. 2, let us philosophize.

Are we beginning to pay back to the mother of arts and arms, some of the debts we owe her? We are in her debt for social items—Columbus: book-keeping by double-entry, without which New-York would be in the hands of the Sheriff; the system of inductive philosophy, which can be historically shown to have antedated Bacon, Galileo being the pioneer; highceilings to our dwellings in preference to the old-fashioned, squat, dampy, dismal, unwholesome twelve foot, which we inherited from clumsy England; fresco-decorations; musical notation; counterpoint; the organ; the violin; and the human voice rendered musical; and the opera revived from the dead Greek drama;—these are among the few things we owe Italy.

And we have given her in return—an American citizen, in a New-York fireman's red shirt, who is revolutionizing the peninsula from the tip of the toe to the top of the boot-leg: who has knocked temporaries and eternities into such hodge-podge—thick steaming batter—that we see no "solution of the eventualities," or in other and undiplomatic words, no chance of setting the Roman rampus to rights, until we send out an American-born Pope—who will be a peace-promising religious rainbow, overarching the slowly-moving, unscientific Middle Ages, and the impulsive, ecstatic, sublime epoch—which distances all old days of miracles by making the Pacific and Atlantic run into the wild embrace of first love, through the arch-angelic magnetic telegraph.

But beside the grand *pique de resistance*, Garibaldi, we may be repaying Italy, in affording *prison* doors, along with painters and sculptors—sculptors particularly—some art critics in Europe say that Mr. William Story's Statue of Cleopatra is the finest thing Europe has seen in marble for two hundred years.

We have to celebrate additional ability by Mme. Guerrabelli, the New-York prima donna, last night. She executed especially the last act to the satisfaction of connoisseurs—with great finish, certainty, and intellectual comprehension. She was much applauded.

As for the prima donna of Gethsemane, No. Two, the Contralto, Miss Moreau, we can only say that it was a most surprising first appearance. She had a good voice, which is easily heard in any part of the house. She is accurate in intonation, and clever in her musical apprehensions. She has one distinct voice; the *tremolando*, the trembling, shaking of notes, if I heard.

The great Rubini was the first to introduce this, in certain situations. He could sustain the curiosity. But it will not bear imitation, though it has been extensively aped.

Mr. Brignoli has done better, but in some points last night he was equal to his own rank.

Mr. F. Amodeo is a rising artist, but he has a way of veiling his voice, which is no improvement but decidedly the reverse. He should always cultivate a open tone.

**From Venezuela—Reception of Mr. E. D. Culver, United States Minister.**

The *Independent* of Caracas, of Oct. 7, gives an account of the reception of Mr. E. D. Culver, United States Minister near the Government of Venezuela, and the speeches made on this occasion by Mr. Culver and the President of Venezuela.

Mr. Culver, after referring to the wish of the President and people of the United States to see the friendly relations between the two republics strengthened and perpetuated, expressed the confident hope that his Government would be able to subdue the Southern rebellion. He reminded the Venezuelans that their republic and the United States were founded upon the common principles of self-government, and they had always been equally opposed to foreign intervention. In conclusion, Mr. Culver referred to the President the esteem which the people of his country, and especially the inhabitants of the City of New-York, displayed toward him while he wasjourning among them.

The President, in reply, expressed gratification at learning that the Government of the United States was still confident of being able to crush the rebellion. The same hope he entertained with regard to the civil war in Venezuela. He emphatically assured the "great American principle" that every people has a right to regulate its own affairs without foreign intervention. His stay in New-York City was still for him a source of grateful remembrance.

**PAYOUT OF BOUNTIES.**—Since the 17th of last July, when the State bounty of \$50 was first offered, over \$4,800,000 have been paid to soldiers for the State bounty alone, and \$3,800,000 have also been paid as bounties by cities, towns, and from private sources. In addition to this, \$1,700,000 have been distributed among the soldiers of this State by the General Government's National bounties, and about \$100,000 remain to be paid to New-York volunteers. This latter amount would long ago have been disbursed among the men to whom it was properly due, had they not been absent from headquarters when the paymaster was there. The master rolls are now being prepared, however, and the men will receive their money as early as possible.

**Fires on a Railroad.**—DETROIT, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1862. The baggage car on the night express train, connecting West, containing the mail, express money and baggage, was entirely destroyed by fire at Longwood station, on the Great Western Railroad last night.

## FROM MISSOURI.

**Brilliant Victory of the Emancipationists.**—Four Congressmen and probably a Majority of the Legislature Elected Triumphantly—The Soldiers Voting the Emancipation Ticket—Army of the Frontier in Winter Quarters, etc.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9, 1862.

The Emancipationists have nearly carried the State. Voting was as free as air. There was no attempt anywhere to interfere with the rights of the people. The vote in some counties is nearly as large as at the Presidential election, though in others it has fallen off. The Convention oath was administered to every voter. It is a renunciation of all sympathy with the Confederate States, and a declaration that the denouncer has not borne arms against the United States or State Government since the 17th of last December, up to which time an amnesty was open to all who chose to avail themselves of it. This oath, which no Union man would hesitate to take, and which thousands of known Secessionists swallowed without wincing, was the only requirement which differed in the slightest respect from the ordinary form of voting in this State. With all their old advantages, the Pro-Slavery men have been unable to return them hold on the State. The Members of Congress elected are as follows:

1st District, Francis J. Blair, Jr., (or Samuel Cox) Emancipation—John W. H. Brown, Democrat. 14th District, Henry T. Blow, Emancipationist, elected over Thomas Allen, Democrat.

15th District, John G. Scott, Democrat, elected over John W. Neff, Emancipationist.

17th District, John W. McClung, Emancipationist, elected over John W. Price, Democrat.

18th District, James A. Bell, Conservative, elected over Andrew Ureel, Emancipationist.

Recapitulation—Democrats and Conservatives, 5; Emancipationists, 4; Present Congress—Democrats, 6; Emancipationists, 1.

The returns show that the Emancipation candidates carried two or more counties in every district, excepting the VIIth, where a Union county ticket was voted with Leon's name upon it for Congress, and two Emancipation candidates for the Legislature, both of whom are elected.

The returns from some of the counties in the interior indicate the following result. The vote taken is generally on Congressmen:

Democratic majority. Emancipation majority.

Cole..... 49 —

Cooper..... 166 —

Morgan..... 109 —

Benton..... 100 —

Harrison..... 190 —

McNeil..... 27 —

Miller..... 100 —

Johnson..... 336 —

Lewis..... 648 —

Ward..... 215 —

St. French..... 235 —

Pulaski..... 75 —

Philip..... 187 —

Marion..... 44 —

A. C. G...... 175 —

Crawford..... 49 —

Green..... 496 —

Christian (3 precincts)..... 48 —

Lawrence (1 precinct)..... 71 —

Dale (1 prec.)..... 24 —

McCormick (1 precinct)..... 35 —

Park..... 35 —

Webster..... 33 —

Ganden..... 29 —

Osage..... 115 —

Colfax..... 420 —

St. Charles..... 310 —

Grundy..... 125 —

Monroe..... 115 —

Washington..... 23 —

Garrison..... 53 —

Livingston..... 53 —

Lafayette..... 189 —

Brown..... 208 —

Randolph..... 143 —

Carroll..... 9 —

Wayne..... 209 —

Garrison..... 53 —

Henry..... 129 —

Allen..... 40 —

McCormick..... 198 —

Ste. Genevieve..... 130 —

Jefferson..... 113 —

St. Louis..... 7,000 —

**On Election eve.**—The Blair and Knox contest will probably be decided by Washington. If Blair gets the certificate, Knox will contest the seat, and if Knox gets it, Blair has a majority. Blair has a majority in the county of St. Louis. The Knox men expect the soldiers vote to give them a majority sufficient to defeat Blair, while the Blair men indulge in hopes directly to the contrary. The Anti-Bahr Radical Emancipation ticket has a majority of 600 on Sheriff and the Secessionists who were living there, and openly rejoiced over the death of our poor boys in that unequal engagement.

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